

City of Wichita, Kansas

Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

Oak Park

1100 West 11th Street

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Legend: **Blue** font identifies hyperlinked documents – **Red** font indicates recommended changes to structures or policies

Locations		Structural Inconsistencies	Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access	Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions		
Location	Identified Issue	ADAAG Specifications	Recommended Correction	Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed (Include initial)
2. Pedestrian Paths	Accessible paths of travel do not exist anywhere in the park, including the course, due to dirt/grass surfaces.	Proposed 16.2.1	Technically, neither ADAAG nor the Recreational Facilities - Final Rule provide scoping or specifications for outdoor trails. However, the document titled “Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas” (AGSAPT) does provide both scoping and specifications for accessible trails. These Guidelines (AGSAPT) are neither final rules, nor enforceable. Generally, we consider trails and other park amenities for use by the general public to be services provided by local governments, which own or operate the trail. Therefore, to ensure compliance with Title II’s program access requirements, we recommend following the scoping and specifications provided by the AGSAPT to determine the accessibility of outdoor trails. Proposed 16.2.1 requires the surface of accessible trails to be firm and stable. The "slip resistance" requirement was dropped from the accessible surface requirements of ADAAG 4.5 because slip resistance cannot be guaranteed in the outdoor environment. The means and materials used to establish accessible exterior surfaces are plentiful. Crushed stone, fines, packed soil, and other natural materials can provide a firm and stable surface. Natural materials bonded with synthetic materials can provide the required degree of stability and firmness. AGSAPT allows extreme departures from ADAAG 4.5 where the purpose of a particular trail may be substantially altered if full compliance is attempted. This departure states, “Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or purpose of the facility, or a portion of the facility.” Since the existing park and the trails and walking paths in the park are for a specific recreational purpose, Frisbee golf, making trails fully accessible may substantially detract from the intent of the trails and the purpose of the park. Therefore, we recommend that a portion of the existing trails along the course be made accessible, complying with AGSAPT, to allow individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in the intended activity and experience the Earth Sculpture area. However, we do not recommend that all trails, or a significant portion of the trails, be made accessible. We feel that doing so would substantially alter the purpose or the park and doing so would be technically infeasible due to the lay of the existing land.	L	L	M	1 2 3 4 5	\$4,000	AGSAPT			

Oak Park - Conceptual Cost Projections

Total	\$4,700
Year One (Very High)	\$0
Year Three (High)	\$0
Year Five (Medium)	\$0
Year Ten (Low)	\$4,700